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### FRENCH ROAD SYSTEM AND ITS MAINTENANCE A REVELATION TO AMERICAN SOLDIERS (Engineering News Record)

"Every soldier over here from the United States will go back an enthusiastic good roads advocate," writes Capt. Paul Hansen, former chief engineer, Illinois State Board of Health, from general headquarters in France. He is in the water supply service with Lieut. Col. F. F. Longley, formerly with Hazen, Whipple & Fuller. Parts of his letter follow:

"The roads are marvelous and the country wonderfully beautiful and picturesque."

"The French road system is a revelation, even in time of war, not so much in the matter of construction, because we can and do build macadam roads as good or better, but principally in the matter of upkeep, for which the French have a positive genius. Roads are divided into sections like our railroads, with little section gangs who keep their tools in neat little stone tool houses. As soon as a bad spot develops on a road, it is repaired, and when the spots become so numerous that they cannot be repaired at once, an entire new layer of broken stone and binder is put down. The problem is simplified very much by the fact that suitable road metal can be found anywhere a few inches below the surface."

"Another striking feature of the French roads is the great care observed in promptly removing all surface water. On each side of the road, at intervals of about fifty feet, little waterways are kept clear, leading into grass lined side ditches outside of the tree line."

### NAVY ENFORCES DIRECT PURCHASE POLICY

Manufacturers and dealers are encouraged under the policy of the Navy Department to deal direct with the department. The purpose is to eliminate the middleman in purchases of supply and materials.

"In my annual report," says Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, "manufacturers were warned against profiteering agents, professional contractors, and naval brokers. In our regular mailing circular of January 8, 1918, we expressed the hope that 'manufacturers who have not availed themselves of the opportunity to bid direct will do so, as it will prove of advantage to them in bringing them in more intimate touch with the Navy and thereby make a reputation for the materials which they manufacture.'"

"The fact is, the responsibility of contractors was never so thoroughly investigated and they were never held to a stricter accountability than they have been since this country entered the war. The number of responsible direct bidders has increased greatly and the number of agents and intermediaries has been reduced to a minimum. The safeguards against profiteering have been strengthened, not relaxed."

There are over 14,000 names on the bidders' list of the Navy Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, representing every section of the country. These manufacturers and dealers furnish over 60,000 classes of articles used by the Navy.

The French Red Cross is deeply grateful to the American Red Cross for the assistance given them in their endeavors during the past four years to alleviate the suffering of our soldiers and those of the allied nations.

Your generous donation will permit our three societies to continue their work. It will resound throughout our country and will draw closer together the traditional friendship which again today unites our two nations in fraternal effort and sacrifice, for the triumph of the best of causes.

Southern farm boy-club members produced in 1917, food and feed valued at \$4,019,121, the Department of Agriculture reports. A total of 115,745 boys were enrolled in regular clubs in 14 States.

### NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

"Win the war" is the slogan of both parties. Those members who have faltered in their support of the war aims of the government will have a hard time explaining their attitude to their constituents. Hardly a family will be found which has not in some manner been touched by the call to the colors and it will be difficult for the slacker legislators to satisfactorily explain their failure to support the man in the trenches.

The aircraft situation is the principle inquisitorial matter before Congress. A double investigation is being made into every phase of aircraft production. The Department of Justice, with former Justice Charles E. Hughes Examiner, is making an exhaustive and searching inquiry. The public will soon be given all the facts connected with the matter, and will be able to judge for itself the merits of the controversy over aircraft production which has raged almost continually since the outbreak of the war. Expert opinion is almost unanimous that the recommendation of John D. Ryan, the new Director of aircraft production, that the government take over and operate all the factories where the airplanes are being built, is the proper solution of the question. It will be remembered that the shipbuilding was never placed on a satisfactory basis until the government organized the Emergency Fleet Corporation and assumed the responsibility of building its own merchant marine. But while all this investigating is going on, we are assured that airplane production is proceeding more satisfactorily than at any time since the program was begun.

For the first time, the motors and planes are being turned out in quantity and are being sent overseas rapidly. That the Liberty motor had proved itself capable of satisfactory performance is shown by the fact that the allied governments are filling large orders for the American product. When the Liberty motor was first put forward as America's contribution to "Winning the war in the air," there was much skepticism. Foreign motor experts said that an airplane engine could not be turned out by machine methods to equal the hand work of English and French mechanics. American experts said the standardizing of the motor was the only answer to the question of quantity production. All the indications are now that with America's aid, the allies will have complete dominance of the air before the end of the year.

The chaotic Russian situation has everybody guessing, including President Wilson. Plans were rapidly maturing for sending an economic commission to Russia when the murder of Count von Mirbach, the German Ambassador at Moscow, added a new element of uncertainty to the situation. Whether the economic commission plan will be followed, or whether military intervention will become necessary, will be determined soon.

It has been definitely determined by the War Department that it will be impracticable to bring home the bodies of Americans who die in France. Beginning with the first death of American boys on foreign soils, requests have been coming in from relatives that their remains be brought home. Careful investigation has shown that this policy cannot be adopted, and it is understood that General Pershing has vetoed the plan. Thus it is probable that America's heroic dead will find their final resting place on the soil of France, for which they have made the supreme sacrifice.

By the time this is published, Herbert C. Hoover will have landed in England. The American Food Administrator will be acclaimed abroad as few other Americans have been. He is regarded by the British as the man who saved them from starvation. The remarkable foresight which has marked Hoover's efforts to feed the allied world from the surplus created by conservation methods in this country, have stamped him a genius. In England, they are calling him the food dictator of the world, and no American, unless it be President Wilson himself, has a greater hold on the affections of the English people.

### SUMMER SCHOOL SOCIAL

Last Tuesday night, from 7:30 to 8:30, the students of the Summer School and summer workers were treated to a social on the lawn of Putnam Hall. They played games and had a general good time. Much coveted social privileges were granted, thus making the occasion more enjoyable. The young folks hope that another such social may be had during the few remaining weeks of school.

### LETTER FROM ARCHIE FLANERY

Written En Route to Camp Mills.

New York

New York Central R. R., July 13.

Dear Mother and Father:—

Well, we are still speeding along. We are between Syracuse and New York City and have only made one stop and that was for fifteen minutes at Niagara Falls. We will get to Camp Mills tonight some time. There are 20 trains of us, with fifteen coaches to the train and the trains are about one hour apart. There are about 40,000 men in the division. I am medical inspector of our train. I am to see that everything is kept sanitary. No man is allowed to leave his coach. I am allowed to go anywhere and can get off at every stop, so I have a little advantage over the other boys. I don't know how long we will be in Camp Mills, but I am going to get down in the city if there is any chance.

Kentucky is well represented in my detachment. My major and captain are both from Kentucky and seven of us fellows; so we are at home. My major and captain came from Camp Taylor.

Don't worry, for I feel that someone watches over me greater than man, and I feel perfectly safe anywhere I go, and I will always try to do the right thing.

My address will be:  
85th Div., 337 Inf., Med. Dept.  
Camp Mills,  
Long Island, N. Y.

### WE ARE PATRIOTIC TOO!

During the week of the Red Cross Drive, May 20-27, the colored people in and about Berea became thoroughly aroused as to their duty and interest in the great struggle to win the war and set the world free.

At a meeting held at the First Baptist Church, in Middletown, on May 21, Prof. Hathaway, of the Richmond Colored High School, addressed a very enthusiastic audience, at which time there were appointed a captain and three canvassers: R. H. Royston, Miss Amanda Moran, Mrs. Fannie Kennedy and Mrs. Matilda Gentry, and by their persistent efforts, there was collected and turned over to the Red Cross chapter at Richmond, forty dollars and ninety-three cents.

We have organized ourselves into a Red Cross society, ready to help in whatever way most needed, to obtain the results sought by the Government. On June 28, a meeting was called at the colored school house in Berea, by the sub-district trustee, Chas. Brumough, for the purpose of soliciting War Savings investments; War Savings Stamps to the amount of \$125, were subscribed for. This amount may also be supplemented by a number of colored subscriptions taken at the Postoffice and local banks. Besides, there are several who have bought Thrift Stamps and Liberty Bonds, expressing regret that they are not able to do more to help out in the nation's great conflict.

At a meeting held July 8, at the colored school house, subscriptions for War Savings Stamps to the amount of \$165 were also taken.

As for the colored man's stand in this great conflict, none need to doubt. He is today, as he has always been, ready to follow the Stars and stripes wherever they may wave.

R. H. Royston.

Department of Agriculture specialists, appealing for increased production of poultry and eggs, make these suggestions: Keep better poultry; select healthy, vigorous breeders; hatch early; preserve eggs; cull the flocks; grow as much poultry feed as possible; supply the family table; eat more poultry and eggs and conserve the meat supply.

### GENEROUS DONATION FROM CUBA

The Cuban National Committee, thru its chairman, Cosme de la Torriente, has transmitted to the American Red Cross, in the name of the Republic of Cuba, the sum of \$40,000, to be devoted to the relief of needy families of American soldiers killed in war, and for the aid of disabled American soldiers.

The Red Cross War Council ordered an appreciation of this generosity of the Cuban National Committee spread upon its minutes and a copy of the resolution adopted was sent to the Cuban Committee.

### Aviator Falls into Bay.

Babylon, N. Y.—While making a test flight in training for a commission, Chief Quartermaster William Fraser Beham, a naval aviator, was killed when his hydroplane fell 500 feet into Great South Bay.

### How Character is Made.

Character is never made by following the easy way. Character is made strong by its exercise against the temptation of ease and the lines of least resistance.

### WALTER HILL

The friends of Walter Hill, a former resident of Berea, were saddened, last week, to learn of his death, which occurred at his home in Tulsa, Okla., Sunday, July 7. He had been in poor health for some time, the cause of which was not known until a short time before his death, when it was discovered that he was suffering from the effects of a dog bite received several weeks previous, which at last proved fatal.

The body was brought to Berea, Thursday, accompanied by his wife and two little children and her brother, Zachariah Minter, of Oklahoma City. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist Church, Friday afternoon, by the pastor, the Rev. E. B. English, assisted by the Rev. H. H. Hudson, of Berea, and the Rev. Gilbert, of Winchester.

The burial took place in Berea cemetery under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, of which Mr. Hill was a member.

All of the immediate family were present, which consists of his wife, and two children, his father, Humphrey H. Hill; two brothers, Green Hill of Bethany, W. Va., and Forest Hill, of Scottsburg, Ind.; and two sisters, Mrs. Hallie Wagers, of Cincinnati and Mrs. Jennie Hoskins, of Berea.

To them, the deepest sympathy of their many Berea friends is extended.

Mr. Hill had been a resident of Tulsa, Okla., for nine years, being a successful building contractor in that city.

He leaves a host of friends there as well as in Berea, who mourn his loss.

### ALL DAY MEETING AT PANOLA

A group of Berea workers, composed of Messrs. Christopher, Allen, and Rix, anted to Panola last Sunday and spent a very profitable and pleasant day. There were preaching services at 11 a.m. and 3 and 7:30 p.m., which were well attended, and much interest was shown. Panola demonstrates to a pleasing degree the possibility of more than one denomination using the same church edifice for Sunday services and other religious gatherings.

The pastors of the Baptist and Christian Churches each hold a monthly service, and members of the Methodist Church unite with those communions in active Christian work.

The hospitality of the Panola people knows no bounds and each vied with the other in extending a cordial welcome to the visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollowell, who are making their home with their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Allen, were also welcome members of the Berea party.

It may not be amiss to mention that Mr. Rix, the managing editor of The Citizen, experienced a peculiar pleasure in meeting some regular and appreciative readers of his paper, and it is a reasonable hope that by thus becoming better acquainted, The Citizen may be made increasingly useful and interesting to its readers in the various communities which it reaches.

### KING GEORGE'S WELCOME TO OUR BOYS

The following letter was received from William Disney by his home folks, and is a copy of one which was handed to each American soldier as he landed on British soil:

"Soldiers of the United States: the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom."

"The allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you God speed on your mission."

April, 1918. George. R. I.

### EASTERN KENTUCKY NEWS ITEMS

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—Miss Amanda Jones, of Danville, is visiting her brother, E. M. Jones, this week.—Paul Robinson, who was called for military service June 21, and was stationed at Baltimore, Md., is home for a few days.—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winkler spent from Saturday until Tuesday with their daughter, Mrs. Todd.—The farmers are busy making hay and laying by their corn.—Mrs. Ed Baker and children are very sick with measles this week.—The men of this district attended the meeting at the school house and did their part in buying War Savings Stamps.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, of Berea, were callers at Dreyfus, Saturday.—The Rev. Clark Winkler began a revival meeting at the Christian Church, Sunday night; we hope he will meet with much success.—Dr. and Mrs. Baker, of Berea, were Dreyfus callers, Sunday.

SMART PEOPLE BUY DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS

FROM

# OWEN McKEE

THERE IS A REASON

RICHMOND

KENTUCKY

IN OUR OWN STATE  
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may not be entitled to do so.

The Louisville & Nashville R. R. Company is improving its line between Ravenna and McRoberts, in order to increase the shipping facilities for coal. It will probably lay a double track between these two places. The Elkhorn coal field is coming to be known as one of the richest and most productive in the state and the country, and will prove to be an important factor in the coal supply of the country.

Nat Sewell, of the State Legislature, has made a report to the state, in which he shows the conditions which exist in the care of our county jails. There is a delinquency of about \$500.00 and in some cases the books and accounts of the jailers have been so badly kept that it is not possible to determine what are the accurate amounts. The system of jailers, he finds to be the most deficient of any in our administrative affairs and suggests the possibility of making some change that will avoid the evils.

A lumber company in Cincinnati has received a large consignment of walnut logs of the very finest quality. Some time ago, the need of such lumber for Government purposes was made known and the men and boys of the mountain counties have been able to get good results. Surprise was expressed

that so much good timber of the kind wanted existed so close at hand. The resources of the mountain sections are likely to cause many a surprise before the war is over.

J. W. Wheeler, an itinerant Baptist minister near Bowling Green, has been brought before the Commissioners for violation of the Espionage Act. He made remarks, it is charged, which discredited American soldiers in comparison with German. Such cases make the people of the state acquainted with the fact that we are at war and that care must be exercised in the matter of speech. The Government will not tolerate anything which will help the cause of the enemy and harm the cause of the United States.

### WORLD NEWS

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new foreign minister will follow the policy laid down by the Chancellor.

Considerable interest centers in the possible increase in the strength of the German fleet which comes about from the seizure of the Russian war ships. It is known that many fine vessels had been built since the Russian-Japanese war, of the most modern type, and it is probable that Germany has taken them, if they have not been destroyed by the Russians, to prevent such a fate. It is estimated that it will increase the German strength at least twenty-five per cent.

'Chain' Tread



## Back the Government to the Limit

The Government has asked American business to pursue a certain course for the duration of the war.

Keep quality up and prices reasonable, —a strictly non-profiteering policy.

It is the only patriotic policy.

It is the policy this company has always adopted and the one we will continue to pursue.

We stand ready to undergo any sacrifice in order to cooperate with the Government.

We believe it is best for ourselves.

We know it is best for our country.

We appeal to all concerns—big and small—to adopt the same policy.

American business must rally as a unit to the support of the Government.

It is the surest and quickest way to win the war.

## United States Tires are Good Tires



'Royal Cord' 'Nobby' 'Chain' 'Usco' 'Plat'

